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BEGIN SUMMARY. PRC REPRESENTATIVES INFORMED US OF TENTATIVE PLANS CONCERNING THE CHINESE MEDIA DELEGATION VISIT TO THE US. THEY PROPOSE THAT A HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION OF TWENTY PERSONS VISIT US STARTING IN NEW ENGLAND AND FINISHING IN HAWAII, BEGINNING ABOUT MAY 15 AND LASTING ABOUT THREE WEEKS. END SUMMARY.

1. PRC EMBASSY OFFICERS TS' AO KUEI- SHENG AND TS' AI FANG- PAI VISITED POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY VIEWS CONCERNING MEDIA DELEGATION. TS' AO SAID NCNA REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK, CHANG HAI- TAO WAS IN CONTACT WITH WARREN PHILLIPS, TREASURER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS WHICH WAS HOSTING THE TRIP AND MAKING MOST ARRANGEMENTS.

2. THE PRC PROPOSED TWENTY MEMBER DELEGATION, SIXTEEN MEN AND FOUR WOMEN. THE FOLLOWING WERE THE PRINCIPAL MEMBERS: CHU MU- CHI, DIRECTOR OF NCNA, HEAD OF DELEGATION; MRS. WANG CHEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPUTY HEAD; MRS. LI BO- TI, DEPUTY EDITOR- IN- CHIEF OF CHINA RECONSTRUCTS, DEPUTY HEAD; BO CHAO- MIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL
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DEPARTMENT OF NCNA, SECRETARY. THERE WOULD BE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE'S DAILY, THE KUANG MING JIH PAO, PEKING INFORMATION OFFICE, THE MAGAZINE CHINA, NCNA, AND THE LOCAL PRESS OF SHANGHAI AND CANTON PLUS FIVE STAFF MEMBERS. THE FULL LIST WOULD SOON BE SENT TO PHILLIPS. THE PRC PROPOSED THAT THE DELEGATION LEAVE CHINA ABOUT MAY 15 AND SPEND ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN THE US. THE DELEGATION WOULD PASS THROUGH PARIS TO NEW ENGLAND WHERE THE FULL DELEGATION WOULD VISIT A FEW CITIES. IT WOULD THEN GO TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. AFTER WASHINGTON THE DELEGATION WOULD SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS WITH DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. THE TWO PARTS WOULD JOIN AGAIN ON THE WEST COAST PRIOR TO THE VISIT TO HAWAII FROM WHICH THE DELEGATION WOULD RETURN TO CHINA. THE INTERESTS OF THE DELEGATION ARE VERY BROAD, AND IT WOULD WISH TO VISIT REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLES OF US INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, CULTURAL INSTALLATIONS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, RESEARCH CENTERS (INCLUDING SOCIAL SCIENCES) AND PRESS AND INFORMATION ORGANIZATIONS. SPECIFICS WITHIN THIS GENERAL FRAMEWORK WOULD BE WORKED OUT BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS.

3. TS' AO SAID THAT THE ABOVE REPRESENTED PRC'S INITIAL VIEWS, AND THEY WERE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING ITINERARY AND ACTIVITIES. HE ASKED US TO INFORM THEM SOONEST OF US VIEWS, PARTICULARLY ON THE TIMING AND DURATION OF THE VISIT.
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